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PLAN BIG SHAKE-UP IN RANKS OF G. O. P.

Political Readjustment is Being Prepared by Leaders at Beverly.

MEANS ELIMINATION OF BALLINGER AND CANNON

Housecleaning is Intended to Put Party in Shape to Get Factions Together by Cutting Off Objectionable Heads—Secretary of Interior is Slated to Go Out September 15.

(By Associated Press.)
BEVERLY, MASS., Aug. 12.—Certain events of today, following incidents of the past week or so lead inevitably to the conclusion that a complete political readjustment in circles close to President Taft is in progress.

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, called to see the President early today. The President was gratified that Senator Aldrich had replied to Senator Brice's charges regarding the tariff. In doing so, it is said that the senator from Rhode Island, performed an act which fitted exactly into a program which had been framed by party leaders close to the President.

Although he is not to retire until March 4, 1911, and Senator Aldrich confirms to President Taft that it is his intention to do so, the readjustment plans which plainly are in progress, apparently treat whatever influence Mr. Aldrich may have had with the President as a thing of the past.

Means Going of Ballinger.
The elimination of Mr. Aldrich, according to close political advisers, is soon to be followed by the retirement of Secretary Richard Ballinger from the cabinet. The Republican party is facing one of the most crucial campaigns in its history this fall, and the leaders who have been coming more and more into influence with the President are arriving daily to do all they can to bring about an adjustment of the differences within the party.

Mr. Ballinger practically has lost all of his personal fortune in defending himself against the attacks that have been made upon him. If the secretary is to recover these losses it is said he must soon resume the lucrative practice of law which he left in his home state to take up the arduous duties of head of the interior department.

The retirement of Mr. Ballinger is fixed for September 15. The congressional committee will have reported by that time, and the date is sufficiently early to take the so-called Ballinger issue of the campaign. The third move in contemplation is said to be directed against Speaker Cannon. It is not admitted in Beverly that Mr. Cannon will even be a candidate for the speakership. Once it is known that Mr. Taft would like to see a change in the speakership, however, it is believed that all doubt as to the result would be removed.

That Beverly is being made the headquarters of the movement to set the Republican house in order is now generally admitted. The various moves are being made quietly, but effectively.

Reports have reached Beverly that the recent results in Kansas and Iowa were due to the activity of Speaker Cannon in Kansas, to the charges against Senator Aldrich and doubts exist as to whether he actually intended to retire.

The situation developed in these two states evidently has made an impression upon the party leaders that has stirred them to action.

Plans for Tennessee.
Postmaster General Hitchcock participated in the conference which the President had this afternoon with four Republican leaders from Tennessee. The Republicans are laying plans to capture that Southern state this fall and they hope to do so with the aid of the independent Democrats. It was said today that they were not proceeding under the theory that they can win on a straight-out Republican proposition, and that the candidate to be named for governor will be a man who will be acceptable to the independent Democrats.

The Republicans are anxious to hold the ground for independent political action in the state which they say was gained at the recent judicial election, in which the independent judiciary candidates won from the regular Democratic nominees who named largely through the influence of Governor Patterson, were overwhelmingly defeated.

Sloop Aurora Wins Cup.
NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 12.—Cornelius Vanderbilt's sloop Aurora, sailed by W. Butler Duncan, Jr., won the King's cup, the last even of the New York Yacht Club's annual cruise under splendid sailing conditions today.

MISS WARDLAW'S DEATH DOESN'T WEAKEN CASE

Remaining Sisters Indicted in the Bath Tub Murder Case to be Prosecuted.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 12.—The prosecution of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Mary Snead will not be interfered with in any way by the death of Virginia Wardlaw, the third sister indicted in connection with the mysterious death of Okey W. M. Snead, the East Orange bath tub victim.

This statement was made today by Louis Hood, special counsel for the state in the Wardlaw case, when his attention was called to reports that Miss Wardlaw's death yesterday might cause the prosecution of her two sisters to be dropped.

Mr. Hood said that the three sisters are jointly charged with the commission of the crime as well as with aiding and abetting it and he would not concede that the case against Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead had been weakened in any way by the death of Miss Wardlaw.

COLONEL MAY ACT AS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Former President Will Attend the Meeting if Elected Delegate.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Ex-President Roosevelt will in all probability, attend the Republican state convention at Saratoga next month. He said today that if he should be selected as a delegate from Nassau county he would attend and in that case he would probably make a speech.

It was suggested to him some time ago that he act as temporary chairman of the convention. Today Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the New York Republican county committee, had luncheon with him. Colonel Roosevelt said, after he had seen Mr. Griscom, that he was thinking over the suggestion that he act as temporary chairman.

STAUNTON ASKS FOR AID

Government Geologist to Investigate Big Cave-ins.

OTHER HOUSES ARE SINKING

Portion of Prof. C. L. Wilson's Residence Disappears and His Back Yard Goes Down Thirty Feet Below House Level.

(By Associated Press.)
STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 12.—The cave-in which occurred here yesterday in the heart of the city continues to alarm residents and there has been a general exodus from adjacent buildings. The fire house is now sinking and the public school building is threatened.

A large portion of the two story residence of Prof. C. L. Wilson has entirely disappeared in the crevasses and the back yard has sunk thirty feet below the house level.

It is now believed that the phenomenon was caused by an arch-over creek which has been undermining the buildings adjacent to it.

The city officials have sent for engineers to investigate the situation and to decide how to check the creek from making further inroads on buildings within the city.

Response to Stanton's Appeal.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—In response to an appeal to the geological survey from Staunton, Va., F. B. Van Horn, assistant chief geologist, left here tonight to investigate the cave-ins which have caused heavy property damage in the Virginia town within the past two days.

The theory held by government geologists is that the trouble was caused by water percolating through the limestone, which underlies that entire section and thus has weakened the foundations of buildings and caused them to give way.

Mr. Van Horn is familiar with the geological structure of that portion of Virginia and from press reports he judges that dissolving limestone is responsible for the trouble.

Boats Selected for Race.
(By Associated Press.)
MARBLEHEAD, MASS., Aug. 12.—The American boats that will sail against the Spanish sloop yachts next week for the President Taft and Governor Draper cups, were selected tonight.

They are: The Harpoon, C. F. Adams, second owner; Beaver, C. H. W. Foster, and Cima, Guy Lowell.

RIOT IS EXPECTED ALONG JAMES RIVER

Oystermen Reported Defying the Law and Tearing up Private Stakes.

INSPECTOR LAWSON ASKS FOR STATE POLICE FLEET

Between Thirty-five and Forty White Men from Isle of Wight County Are Said to be Determined to Keep Private Stakes Off Public Rocks at Any Cost.

Daily Press Bureau,
Hampton, Va., Aug. 12.

Declaring that they intended tearing and pulling up every stake in the James river, a crowd of between 30 and 40 white oystermen went to the river on the Isle of Wight county side Thursday and made things lively with the big private planters for several hours.

According to Capt. J. T. Mills, who came to Hampton today to report the depredations to Oyster Inspector William E. Lawson, the oystermen are making things lively and serious riots are expected to take place unless the men desist in their determination to clear the river of all private stakes.

Capt. Mills said that the party, which came from Rescue and Jones' Creek, tore away the stakes on the oyster grounds, as well as on the grounds of Jack Wilson and Dawson, Mench & Holloway and that the intruders were insolent and insulting in declaring that they intended to defy the local planters, the State Fisheries Commission and the local civil authorities. Capt. Mills further told Inspector Lawson that the men were in an ugly mood and that the conditions were close to rioting. The intruders had pulled down all the private stakes in sight and it is the opinion of Capt. Mills that within the next thirty-six hours a entire section will be robbed of the stakes along the private grounds.

Telegraphs Mr. Lee.
After ascertaining to the story of the near riots from Capt. Mills, Inspector Lawson sent a hurry telegram to Mr. Donald Lee, chairman of the Virginia State Fisheries Commission, advising Mr. Lee of the conditions in James river and suggesting that the oyster navy police fleet be immediately ordered to the scene of the disorder in Isle of Wight county. Mr. Lawson says that the law covering such disorder as brought to him is stringent and that the perpetrators of the stake tearing up can be heavily fined and sent to prison.

Mr. Lawson is of the opinion that the fisheries commission will immediately take steps to have the rioting party arrested, as Capt. Mills has the names of most of the oystermen in the party. Although Mr. Lawson had not heard from Mr. Lee last night, he is of the opinion that the steamer Commodore Maury is now on its way to the place.

Mr. Lawson said yesterday that the grounds were allotted to Mills, Wilson and Dawson, Mench & Holloway by the State Fisheries Commission and that the state authorities will have to see that the men are not interfered with by depredators. The grounds were surveyed by the state surveyor, and found to be outside of the Baylor lines.

Don't Like the Awards.
It is said that the oystermen along the Isle of Wight side have been surly ever since the commission awarded the three firms the grounds and that the trouble of Thursday is the outcome of a feeling that the commission has transgressed its powers by permitting private planters to take up public rocks. However, Mr. Lawson says there is no question as to the grounds in dispute being outside of the Baylor survey.

Capt. Mills and Oyster Inspectors A. F. Armory and P. M. Powell were given instructions by Inspector Lawson, who is the chief of police of the navy oyster force, to quell the disorder at all hazards and to arrest every man found participating in the sport of tearing up oyster stakes along the James river.

It is feared that serious trouble will result from the attacks of the men, as the oystermen are said to be determined in their decision to pull up the stakes in their section of the river.

Others Will Join Fight.
A man coming to Hampton from Battery Park today said that the infuriated oystermen had torn up every

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SOLDIERS ARE ORDERED TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

Two Battalions Are Directed to Service in Far Western States.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, has directed that two battalions of the Twenty-fifth Infantry be withdrawn from the maneuvers at American Lake Camp, Washington, and return immediately to Fort Wright at Spokane, Washington, to fight forest fires along the line of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways in Western Montana, Northern Idaho and the Flathead Indian reservation.

No more troops can be withdrawn from American Lake without abandoning the maneuvers, but General Wood said he would even do that if necessary.

A pack train of army mules, equipped to penetrate the national forests, where there are no wagon roads, has been ordered out from Fort Russell at Cheyenne, Wyo., and will rendezvous at Missoula, Mont.

TYPHOID FEVER CLAIMS MUCH SMALLER TOLL

Decline of 1,157 Cases Reported in Virginia During Month of July.

(Special to Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 12.—Typhoid fever is claiming a smaller toll in Virginia this year than it did last year, according to reports of the State health department made public today. Physicians in rural Virginia reported a total of 3,084 cases of typhoid during the month of July, 1909, while during last month they reported only 1,927 cases, showing a decline of 1,157 in the total number of cases.

This decrease in the amount of fever is considered by health officers here to be the greatest victory yet gained for better health in the country districts. A statistician of the city, interested in such matters, expressed his opinion that the net savings to the state by this decrease in the amount of typhoid would not be less than six hundred thousand dollars to say nothing of the sorrow and death averted.

The State health commissioner was much elated when asked today about the typhoid situation. "We owe our knowledge of this record," he said, "to the physicians of the state, who have voluntarily sent us reports of all the cases of communicable diseases appearing in their practice. Without their co-operation we would not know the exact situation."

When asked how he accounted for the decrease in the cases of typhoid the commissioner said: "It is not impossible that there may be some obscure climatic influence with which we are not familiar, but generally speaking, it is safe to say that the better education of the people regarding the disease is responsible for the difference. We have striven to give them full information as to the spread of typhoid, and have told them that where sewerage is cared for, flies kept from the house, proper precautions taken and good water secured, there is little danger of typhoid. The people of the state, acting on this information, have done the rest. As they see the great advantages already gained, they can be counted on to still further reduce the amount of disease. The field inspectors of the department are ready to investigate immediately any epidemic of typhoid that appears and can be called on at any time."

TRAINS COLLIDE IN RALEIGH THIS MORNING

Seaboard Passenger Dashes Into Excursion and One Negro is Killed and Others Injured.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12.—The Seaboard northbound train No. 18, at 1.10 this morning, ran into the rear of an excursion train of the Southern Railway, which had just returned from Durham to Raleigh, while standing under the shed of the union depot in Raleigh, killing one negro man, named William Jordan, and injured, probably fatally, a negro man from Norfolk.

Others injured were some half dozen, all colored.

Patten Indicted Again.
(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—It became known today that James A. Patten and others, indicted in June by a special federal grand jury for conspiracy in restraint of trade in connection with the alleged bull pool in cotton, have been reindicted by a regular federal grand jury. The indictments were sealed and filed two weeks ago, but who was named in them did not come out until tonight.

WELCOMES MOVE TO LAY BARE PLOT

Sensational Interview With Spanish Premier on Religious Question Made Public.

SAYS CONSPIRACY IS FORMED AGAINST KING

Canalejas Declares Whole Trouble Was Started Through Village Priests and Reiterates His Determination to Carry Out His Plans so Much Opposed to by Vatican.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Aug. 12.—The Paris Temps today prints a long, sensational interview with Jose Canalejas Y. Mendes, the Spanish premier, covering the recent events which culminated in the severance of diplomatic relations between the Spanish government and the Holy See as well as his future program, which the paper says, the premier dictated.

Premier Canalejas declares that the movement in the north of Spain is directed by rich Carlists "who are inveterate separatists and enemies of the remainder of the country and intransigent Catholics whose only program is reign of Jesus Christ."

The premier affirms that he possesses knowledge that the committee behind the movement spent 600,000 pesetas (\$80,000) in giving the manifestos of July 10, meal tickets before their railroad fares. After the failure of the manifestation, Senor Canalejas, says the agitators organized juntas of which "and I announce this publicly for the first time—village priests are the leaders." He says that he officially protested to the bishop of Victoria and to the vatican but both of them replied that it was none of their concern. He says he will welcome interpellations of the Carlists which will give an opportunity "to lay bare the detestable conspiracy against civilization, the king and the country."

No Religious Question.

"There is no religious question in Spain," the premier continues. "It is simply an effort to exploit religious sentiment upon the ground now discovered, that the Spanish majority is clerical. The majority, as was indisputably proved at the elections, is anti-clerical. Most of the municipalities rent addresses approving the government policy. I have received 25,000 telegrams urging me to continue this policy. Senor Canalejas declares that he does not propose to abuse the power confided in him but he will use it firmly and resolutely to establish a preponderance of civil power. It is his intention to pass a law insuring neutral official education not hostile or favorable to any creed or philosophy, but free from any dogma. He insists that the policy of the government is not directed against the religious orders, but he would have them pay taxes from which they were exempted by conservative governments and the number of orders reduced."

Will Resort to Law.
"If I cannot reduce the number of orders by an agreement with the vatican, I will by law," he declares. The premier expresses unqualified satisfaction at the reports that the vatican now desires conciliation and says he will make every effort to reach an agreement with the Holy See, but he maintains the bill interfering further orders cannot be withdrawn.

"I could not withdraw that bill if I would," he says. "The Liberal party and the majority in the cortes are united upon that point. Different political groups have different ideas, but they are one against clericalism."

Senor Canalejas frankly states that the time has arrived when the question must be solved. If the Liberals fail, a popular explosion, he says, is sure to follow and he understands perfectly that his adversaries wanted a rupture with the vatican in the hope that it would mean his downfall, under the illusion that the return of the conservatives to power would enable them to maintain the status quo.

"But," he says, "the status quo is finished forever in Spain."

Injustice to Alfonso.
The prime minister declares the reports that his policy is inspired by the counsels of the French government and the royal family of England do great injustice to Alfonso. He explains that the government's object is hastening a solution of the religious question was to clear the way for the introduction of vast economic and administrative reforms for which the people are clamoring.

"But, now," he says, "I have the power, desire and purpose to succeed. Threats will not deter me. I am in command and as long as I have a majority in the cortes and the confidence of the king, I shall remain."

TEN MEMBERS OF FAMILY DIE AT THE SAME AGE

Atlanta Men Pass Away As They Become Twenty-nine Years Old.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 12.—Frederick W. Cooper died here today, his death being remarkable because it occurred in his 29th year.

That was the age at which his father and eight of his father's brothers all died. Illness and not accident was the cause of each of the deaths. Recently Cooper became uneasy as his 29th year approached its half way mark; a presentiment seemed to come to him; and he said, speaking of his 30th birthday next January: "If I can only live until then, why I'll live to be a thousand."

A short time ago when Cooper was taken sick with typhoid fever, the inevitable brooding over the fate of his father and his uncles hastened the progress of the disease. He died while his near relatives were too far away to be summoned to his bedside.

His mother, Mrs. M. J. Cooper, is returning from Europe on the steamer St. Paul, due in New York tomorrow and his sister, Miss Katherine Cooper, is in Paris. Cooper was prominent here, a member of the Capital City Club and connected with a large cotton firm. He was born in New York.

New Trotting Record.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Aug. 12.—Driven by Charles Tanner, of Cleveland, C. K. Billing's black gelding upland made a new world's record by trotting a mile at North Randall track without a wind shield in 1:58.4, beating Lou Dillon's record by 2-13 seconds and coming within 1-4 of a second of equalling the record made by her with a wind shield October 24, 1907, when she trotted a mile at Memphis in 1:58.

Still Fearing Attack.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 12.—That the officers commanding the Honduras troops at Ceiba were still expecting attack as late as four days ago was the information brought here today by the steamer Bluefields. The Bluefields sailed from Ceiba Tuesday night.

What effect the arrival of General Lee Christmas will have on the revolution, those arriving on the Bluefields were not prepared to say.

GAYNOR RESTING WELL

Still Anxiety is Felt for Mayor's Recovery.

ASSAILANT SORRY FOR ACT

After Waking Up in His Cell, Gallagher Asks What is Condition of His Victim—Prisoner Has First Good Night's Sleep.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Another day has passed and Mayor William J. Gaynor, shot in the neck on Tuesday by James J. Gallagher, shows no symptoms of blood-poison. He continues to rest well at intervals, to take nourishment when desired and if the bullet in his surgeons are issuing discharges nothing, his condition is favorable toward ultimate recovery. The bugbear of skepticism is not yet passed, however, nor is the possibility that an artery or a blood vessel has been scraped by the bullet.

With these possibilities ever present, he is still in the danger zone and will be for more than a week yet.

The same feeling of anxiety that was evinced last night is felt in lesser degree tonight, but there is no going behind the official bulletins.

City Officials Call.

All of the heads of the city departments called at the hospital during the day, but few were allowed to see the patient and then for a fleeting visit. The callers chatted with Mrs. Gaynor in an ante-room and none in the party expressed anything but a cheerful view.

Drs. Arlitz and Dowd are at the bedside almost constantly. One of the most cheery statements of the day came from the mayor's son Rufus, who said this afternoon: "Harring accidents, Mayor Gaynor's recovery is practically assured."

Gallagher Repents.

The first words uttered by James J. Gallagher, the mayor's assailant, when he woke in his cell in Jersey City this morning, were, "How is Mayor Gaynor?"

"He is said to be getting along nicely," replied the warden, and Gallagher went on: "Well, I am glad he is recovering. I am sorry for my act. I slept well last night and it was the best sleep I have had since I have been here."

TELLS OF BIG FEE PAID TO M'MURRAY

Indian Relates Story to Committee Investigating the Oklahoma Land Deals.

LARGE AMOUNTS SHOWN GOTTEN BY THE LAWYERS

Inquirers Bring From Witness Whole Story of Transactions Among Tribes and Show That the Contracts Mean Disposal of \$50,000,000 Worth of Property.

(By Associated Press.)

SULPHUR, OKLA., Aug. 12.—Lawyer's expense account, running as high as \$300,000 a single fee—already paid amounting to \$750,000 and contingent fees still pending that will aggregate about \$5,000,000, figured in the investigation of the Indian land affairs by the special committee appointed by the house of representatives today. It was pointed out that the Indians never had secured large amounts of money due them without having to pay large sums in the shape of fees, and although they employed regular lawyers on yearly salaries, extra fees were constantly paid for the employment of special counsel.

The special fee of \$750,000 was paid several years ago to J. F. McMurray and his law partners, after they had prosecuted what is known as the "citizenship case," which it was stated kept off the rolls 32,000 persons who wanted to participate in the claims against the government.

By the winning of this suit it was explained that the value of the property to the Indians who remained on the rolls, was enhanced \$16,000,000 on a basis of \$5,000 for each of the 32,000 claimants, who were kept off.

Still Fighting Case.

The sale of the property and the division of the proceeds is still being fought by the Indians. This testimony developed in the examination of George F. Scott, a Choctaw. Scott was active in securing signatures for the McMurray contracts to promote the approval of which by congress Senator Gore charges that on May 6, last, he was offered a bribe of \$25,000 or \$50,000. McMurray's contracts, Scott testified, if carried out in their entirety, would dispose of about \$50,000,000 worth of property which, on a ten per cent "attorney fee" basis would result in a net profit to McMurray and his associates of almost \$5,000,000.

Paying for Something Free.

This fee, according to Senator Gore and members of the committee who interrogated the witnesses, would be paid for services that the government had already promised to give the Indians without cost. Scott also showed in his testimony that the cost of employing McMurray would be in addition to \$30,000 now paid annually to regular attorneys. Scott testified he had sent telegrams to Washington urging the approval of the contracts. He had been working for McMurray without any written or verbal agreement, he said, as to sharing in the fee and had induced many Indians to sign. He worked in this respect among the Indians despite the opposition of Green McCurtain, chief of 18,000 Choctaws.

In one telegram to Richard Adams, an attorney at Washington, he referred to Vice-President Sherman and Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, as "understanding better than any one else what the Indians wanted."

Kaufman to Fight Lang.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The Ketchell-Lang bout to have been held here at the Fairmont Athletic Club on Tuesday next has been called off, instead, Big Al Kaufman and the Australians will go ten rounds on the same date. Ketchell has a sore foot and is suffering with boils, and his manager asked that the bout be cancelled.

Woman Tries to Stab Another.

COPENHAGEN, AUG. 12.—A sensation was created at today's meeting of the International Congress on Private Charity and Public Health by an attempt made by a Russian woman delegate, named Zakarova, to stab Commodore Plesno, of Rome, the acting chairman of the congress, and Dr. Lede, of Paris, one of the speakers. Dr. Lede was slightly injured, but the presiding officer was not hurt.

Three Men Shot.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Three white men were shot and two of them probably fatally wounded in a shooting fray and hand to hand fight late tonight in the Douglas club, a negro resort on West Twenty-eighth street. Sixty men, whites and blacks, participated in the struggle.